



Practitioner's Docket No. 17396/0945

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Maurice R. De Billot, et. al. Confirmation No.: 8087

Application No.: 10/026,301
Filed: 12/19/01

Group Art Unit: 1616
Examiner: Alton N. Pryor

For: METHOD OF IMPROVING YIELD AND VIGOR OF PLANTS

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one (1) month to file a response to the final Office Action, mailed September 19, 2008.
2. A Request for Continued Examination and a response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>
One (1) month	\$130.00

Fee: \$130.00

5. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request	\$130.00	01/22/2009 ETECLE1 00000009 10026301
6. Extended period for response		02 FC:1251 130.00 OP

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on January 19, 2009.

7. Fee Payment

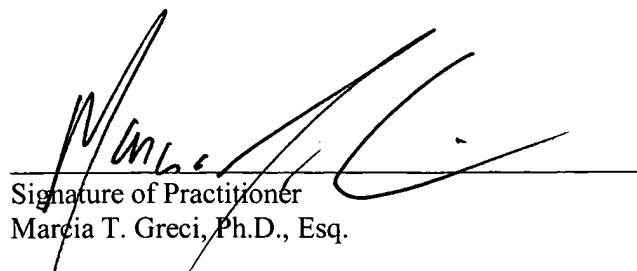
Attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2548.

Date: January 16, 2009

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